

## **2012 Critical Days of Summer (CDS)**

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### **THE SUMMER SAFETY CHALLENGE Rules Of Engagement (ROE)**

#### **“Safety-It’s Personal”**

The days of summer bring beautiful weather, more outdoor activities and an increase in mishaps. It is unfortunate, but nonetheless predictable. Long ago, Air Force leaders realized this phenomenon would rear its ugly head every year about the same time BBQ grills make their way out of garages and into back yards. It is a simple concept; an increase in outdoor activity during the summer months equals an increase to the exposures of risks associated with these activities. This period falls between Memorial Day and Labor Day and has been coined, “Critical Days of Summer”.

How can the Air Force effectively mitigate or possibly eliminate the peak in summer mishaps? The easy answer is to outlaw activities like softball, swimming, boating, and long trips in the family car. That easy answer is absurd, not to mention the morale issues it would create. Degrading personnel morale is not the vision of the Air Force. Instead, the goal is to reduce the potential for mishaps by approaching these types of activities using common sense. In the safety world, the term is Risk Management (RM). Common sense is a great, but RM takes it a step further. In its simplest form, RM can be used in seconds when you are getting ready to participate in any summer activity. RM is simply asking, “What is the worst thing that could happen?” If you take any action to reduce the risk of having those things occur, you have performed RM. By performing RM, you are effectively decreasing the potential for a mishap. The below abbreviated version of RM is just as effective and can be accomplished in seconds.

A - Assess the environment for risk  
C - Consider options to limit risk  
T - Take Appropriate Action

The emphasis of why we should use RM/ACT is easy to understand; managing your risks. Using RM/ACT works. Safety offices worldwide go into action for the Critical Days of Summer, because *preventing* mishaps is the goal. By reducing mishaps, we preserve our assets and maintain a mission ready force.

## SAFETY CHALLENGE

The competition is base wide, regardless of your unit size; a level playing field for all. Each unit will compete for a grand prize of a **“One-Day Pass”** to be taken after the completion of the safety challenge and each group will be awarded a trophy by the 51 FW/CC to the winning unit commander during an Environmental Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) Council or a wing awards ceremony.

Item	Points	Points	Max Allowed
Submit AFN Safety commercial idea	100 (submitted)	500 (aired)	5 Submissions

Each unit will be allowed to submit an AFN commercial idea for approval to be aired on AFN. Points will be awarded for submitting the commercial. If the idea is approved by AFN to be aired, then that unit will receive additional points. Only five submissions are permitted per unit over the 2012 CDS time period. All ideas must be routed through the Ground Safety office (51 FW.SEG@osan.af.mil) prior to being routed to AFN to receive credit.

Item	Points	Points	Max Allowed
Submit safety article for the base paper	25 (submitted)	10 (published)	200

Each safety article written will receive 25 points. If the article is published, 25 additional points will be awarded. The article needs to be safety related and 200-500 words. Articles will be routed through Ground Safety prior to presenting it to PA to receive credit.

Item	Points	Bonus	Max Allowed
Conduct a seatbelt survey	15	5	3 per week

Teams of two will come to Wing Safety to checkout reflective vests and seatbelt check forms as well as coordinate a place/time to conduct a seatbelt survey. Five bonus points will be given for weekend surveys. Coordinate with Ground Safety 24 hrs prior to the start of the seatbelt survey to get vests and survey forms. Teams must conduct the survey for 60 minutes. When the survey is finished, bring the completed forms and your vests to Wing Safety.

Item	Points	Points	Max Allowed
Bicycle Compliance Checks	15	5	3 per week

AFI 91-207, When riding a bicycle, all personnel must wear a protective helmet/headgear with the chin strap secured. If a cyclist chooses to carry a backpack, a reflective belt or tape must be affixed to the backpack at all times. Cyclist will wear a reflective vest, regardless if a backpack with an affixed reflective belt is worn or not. The wearing of headphones and earphones is also prohibited while operating a bicycle. Teams will come to Wing Safety to checkout reflective vests and coordinate a place/time to conduct bicycle compliance checks. Five bonus points will be given for weekend surveys. Coordinate with Ground Safety 24 hrs prior to the start of the bicycle survey to get pick up reflective vests. Teams must conduct the survey for 60 minutes. When the survey is finished, bring the completed forms and your vests to Wing Safety.

Item	Points	Max Allowed
Enforce the “No headphones” rule	25	50

AFI 91-207, prohibits the use of headphones while roller skating, roller blading, skateboarding, jogging, bicycling, or walking on roadways. Enforcement of this rule is a strong term, educating personnel and making them aware of the prohibition of headphones near a roadway is more accurate. Units must enforce the “No headphones” rule for 60 minutes, keeping track of the number of violations. Bonus: 1 point will be awarded for each person you educate and make them aware of the headphone rule. The first AF core value, *Integrity First*, is crucial for this event, a maximum of two Enforce the “No headphones” rule entries are allowed per week.

Item	Points	Max Allowed
Coordinate a Installation Motorcycle Mentorship Ride	100	3

Coordinate an Installation wide motorcycle mentorship organized ride. Coordinator must be a trained and experienced motorcycle rider. Please coordinate at least 14 days in advance to ensure max participation. A Minimum of five riders must participate in order for this to be considered a success. 25 additional points will be granted for every five riders after 10 (ex: 15 riders= 125 points). Wing Safety will provide coordinators with a list of items required to be completed prior to the ride.

**BONUS Item**	Points	Max Allowed
Conduct FOD Walk	25/ 5 pts per person	400

This is an extra credit assignment. Set up an appointment with 51 FW/FOD Manager, at 784-3027 to conduct a FOD walk. Please call to coordinate at least 24hrs prior so arrangements can be made to provide escorts. To earn the 25 points a minimum of 5 participants are required. Forward Wing Safety the date of the walk and number individuals participating.

Item	Points	Max Allowed
Draw or create a computer generated safety poster	10	200

Only one safety poster can be submitted per person. This is the ONLY event where cheating is allowed. Here is how you can cheat, if have a good artist or creative person in your squadron, he/she can design a safety poster and allow a coworker to take credit for it. Submitted safety posters will be displayed at the Commissary exit foyer. Submit final creations to Wing Safety for credit.

All events must be communicated to the safety office (784-1842) to receive credit. We want to know anytime you plan to conduct events along with their locations so we can randomly monitor those events. To ensure the competition is fair, 51 FW Safety will serve as the officiating element. With the onset of summer, the rates of mishaps increase. The 2012 Critical Days of Summer extends from the beginning of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Therefore, the 51st Fighter Wing’s Summer Safety Challenge is scheduled 24 May through 4 September 2012. To all units, Good Luck.

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